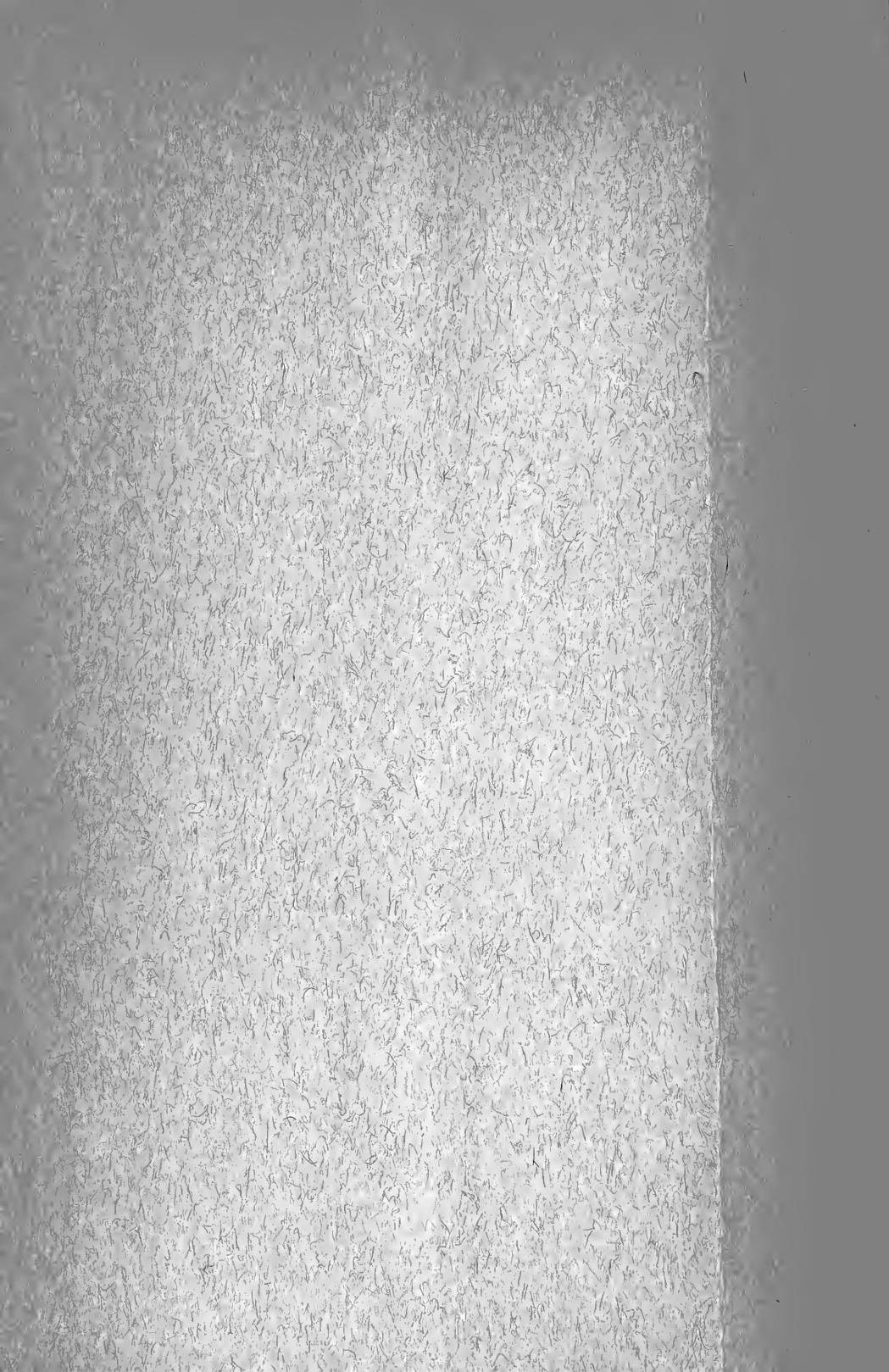


# Official Reports

1953

Danbury,  
New Hampshire



# **A N N U A L R E P O R T S**

of the

Selectmen, Clerk, Treasurer, Road Agents,

School Board, and Other Officials

Trustees and Librarian of the

George Gamble Library

of the

TOWN OF

# **D A N B U R Y**

for

The Year Ending Dec. 31, 1953

Together with the

## **VITAL STATISTICS**

For the Year Ending December 31, 1953

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## TOWN OFFICERS

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**Moderator**

FRANCIS O. SHELDON

**Town Clerk**

RAYMOND E. GARDNER

**Treasurer**

STEPHEN J. FORD

**Selectmen**

HARRY O. SWETT                    FRED G. HOPPER  
CLINTON F. HUNTOON

**Collector of Taxes**

DOROTHY M. HEATH

**Representative to General Court**

ROY K. SARGENT

**Constable**

LAWRENCE CURREN

**Police Officer**

CLARENCE E. FORD

**Supervisors**

LAWRENCE E. FORD                FRANCIS CLEWS  
EUGENE ALLEN

**Health Officer**

SELECTMEN

**Library Trustees**

HARRIET G. MORRISON            RUTH PHELPS  
GLADYS TWOMEY

**Trustees of Trust Fund**

FRANCIS O. SHELDON    ARTHUR W. JEWETT  
CLARENCE E. FORD

**Forest Fire Warden**

CHARLES C. MORRISON, CHIEF  
ROY K. SARGENT, ASS'T

**Deputies**

RAND C. FORD REGINALD GLINES  
EVERETT M. HEATH

**School Board**

EDNA F. POWERS ROY K. SARGENT  
DAVID ARMSTRONG

**Fire Warden**

FRANCIS O. SHELDON

**Fence Viewers**

HORACE M. HASTINGS CLARENCE A. FOWLER

**Road Agent**

GIFFORD N. WIGGIN

**Auditors**

RAY J. MARTIN ROY K. SARGENT

**Vol. Fire Department**

IN CASE OF FIRE

CALL CENTRAL TEL. OPERATOR

**Fire Commissioners**

FRED C. HOPPER FRANCIS O. SHELDON  
RAY J. MARTIN

**Chief**

CLARENCE E. FORD

**Captain**

CHARLES C. MORRISON

**Lieutenants**

MAURICE E. WELLS LAWRENCE CURREN

**Clerk**

JAMES FIFIELD

**Moderator**

GERALD WHEELER

**Treasurer**

FRANK CLEWS

## TOWN WARRANT

### The State of New Hampshire

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To the Inhabitants of the Town of Danbury in the County of Merrimack in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town House in said Danbury on Tuesday, the ninth day of March, at nine of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary town officers for the year ensuing.
2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town expenses for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same.
3. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for the maintenance of highway.
4. To see what action the town will take in regards to the purchase of new truck and snow plow, and make appropriation for the same.
5. To see if the town will vote to raise \$771.06 TRA money and receive State's contribution of \$5,140.40.
6. To see what sum of money the town will raise for the George Gamble library.
7. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the Danbury Volunteer Fire Department.
8. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for American Legion for Memorial Day.
9. To see what sum of money the town will raise for the care of cemeteries.

10. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

11. To see if the town will vote to give a discount on taxes.

12. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not exceeding one-hundredth of one percent (1/100 of 1%) of the net assessed valuation based on the assessment of 1953 for the purpose of publicizing and promoting the natural resources of the town, together with other towns in the Dartmouth-Lake Sunapee Region Association. (Est. \$44.30)

13. To see if the town will vote to raise \$200.00 for the Blister Rust control.

14. To see what action the town will take on closing Smith Bridge and highway from Joseph Smart's north-easterly to Route 4.

15. To see what action the town will take on installing a signal at the depot crossing and make appropriation for the same.

16. To see if the town will vote to discontinue the Municipal Court.

17. To see what action the town will take with regard to the Smith Bridge appropriation.

18. To see if the town will vote to raise a sum of money each year toward the building of a new central school.

Other articles will be added before warrant is posted.

**BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF**  
**Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the**  
**Compared with Estimated and Actual Revenue, Appropriations and**

SOURCE OF REVENUE	Estimated Revenue Previous Year 1953	Actual Revenue Previous Year 1953	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year 1954
<b>FROM STATE:</b>			
Interest and Dividends Tax	\$ 650.00	\$ 635.71	\$ 650.00
Railroad Tax	600.00	604.11	600.00
Savings Bank Tax	150.00	172.86	150.00
Reimbursement a/c State and Federal forest lands	1,100.00		
For Fighting Forest Fires		2,088.55	
Reimbursement a/c old age assistance		437.51	
Duncan Fund			3,504.95
<b>FROM LOCAL SOURCES EXCEPT TAXES:</b>			
Dog Licenses	230.00	241.00	235.00
Business licenses, permits & filing fees	8.00	16.50	
Fines & forfeits, Municipal Court			20.63
Rent of town hall & other buildings		12.00	10.00
Interest received on taxes & deposits	75.00	192.45	150.00
Motor vehicle permit fees	1,500.00	1,676.76	1,500.00
Sale of town property, caterpillar tractor		200.00	
<b>FROM LOCAL TAXES Other Than PROPERTY TAXES:</b>			
Poll Taxes—Regular @ \$2	450.00	452.00	450.00
National Bank Stock Taxes	10.00	10.00	10.00
Total Revenues from All Sources			
Except Property Taxes	\$ 4,765.00	\$ 6,754.45	\$ 7,280.58

PURPOSES of EXPENDITURES	Approp- riations Previous Year 1953	Actual Expendi- tures Pre- vious yr. 1953	Expendi- tures En- suing yr. 1954
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*Current Maintenance Expenses:*

**GENERAL GOVERNMENT:**

Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,096.47	\$ 1,200.00
Town Officers' Expenses	625.00	865.41	800.00
Election and Registration Expenses	125.00	48.11	125.00
Exp., Town Hall & Other Bldgs	250.00	302.25	250.00

**DANBURY, NEW HAMPSHIRE****Ensuing Year Jan. 1, 1954 to Dec. 31, 1954****Expenditures of the Previous Year Jan. 1, 1953 to Dec. 31, 1953**

PURPOSES of EXPENDITURES (Continued)	Appro- priations Previous Year 1953	Actual Expendi- tures Pre- vious yr. 1953	Estimated Expendi- tures En- suing yr. 1954
<b>PROTECTION OF PERSONS &amp; PROPERTY:</b>			
Police Department	50.00	72.84	75.00
Fire Department, including forest fires	500.00	2,636.15	500.00
Moth Exterm.—Blister Rust	400.00	400.00	200.00
<b>HEALTH:</b>			
Health Dept., Including Hospitals	50.00	56.98	50.00
Vital Statistics	15.00		15.00
<b>HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES:</b>			
Duncan Money	4,000.00	3,504.95	3,504.95
Town Maintenance			4,000.00
Street Lighting	730.00	748.28	750.00
Town Road Aid	750.00	759.14	771.06
<b>LIBRARIES</b>			
	150.00	150.00	150.00
<b>PUBLIC WELFARE:</b>			
Town Poor	100.00	171.50	100.00
Old Age Assistance	2,500.00	2,231.63	2,500.00
<b>PATRIOTIC PURPOSES:</b>			
Memorial Day & Vets' Associations			75.00
<b>PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISES:</b>			
Cemeteries	150.00	108.00	150.00
<b>UNCLASSIFIED:</b>			
Damages—Legal, Dog Expenses		14.65	
Employees' Retirement, Social Security	100.00	91.75	200.00
<b>INTEREST:</b>			
On Temporary Loans	175.00	268.47	200.00
Outlay for New Construction and Perm. Improv.			
<b>HIGHWAYS &amp; BRIDGES:</b>			
State Aid Construction—Town's Share			
Smith Bridge	1,500.00		2,500.00
New Equipment	1,000.00	1,000.00	2,000.00
<b>Indebtedness:</b>			
<b>PAYMENT ON PRINCIPAL OF DEBT:</b>			
Long Term Notes, one year	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
<b>PAYMENTS to other GOVERNMENTAL DIVISIONS:</b>			
County Taxes	2,500.00	1,780.50	2,500.00

## SELECTMEN'S REPORT

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### INVENTORY OF THE TOWN OF DANBURY 1953

Land and buildings exclusive of growing wood and timber	\$ 382,030.00
Electric plants	48,621.00
Horses, 38	3,650.00
Cows, 99	12,350.00
Neat stock, 12	960.00
Sheep and goats, 40	720.00
Fowl, 2940	3,680.00
Wood, lumber, etc.	1,430.00
Gasoline pumps and tanks	2,330.00
Stock in trade	9,800.00
Mills and machinery	1,800.00
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	\$ 467,371.00
Total gross valuation before exemptions	\$ 467,371.00
Less soldiers exemptions	24,400.00
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Net val. on which tax rate is computed	\$ 442,971.00

### LIST OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES

#### ASSESSED

Town Officers' salaries	\$ 1,200.00
Town Officers' expenses	625.00
Social Security retirement	100.00
Election and registration expenses	125.00
Town hall and other buildings	250.00
Police Department	50.00
Fire Department	500.00
Blister rust	400.00
Health department	50.00
Vital statistics	15.00

Town road aid	759.14
Highway department	4,000.00
New construction (bridge)	1,500.00
Street lighting	730.00
New Equipment	1,000.00
Library	150.00
Old age assistance	2,500.00
Town poor	100.00
Cemeteries	150.00
Dartmouth-Lake Sunapee Region Assoc.	43.73
County tax	1,780.50
School tax	12,793.57
Total town and school appropriation	\$ 28,821.94
Less estimated revenue:	
Interest and dividend tax	\$ 589.86
Railroad tax	600.00
Savings bank tax	150.00
Reimb. a/c exemption of growing wood & timber	1,113.86
Motor vehicle permit fees	1,500.00
Dog licenses	230.00
Business licenses & fees	8.00
Int. on taxes & income, trust funds	75.00
Sale of caterpillar tractor	200.00
	\$ 4,466.72
Total revenues & credits	\$ 24,355.22
Plus overlay	448.19
Net amount to be raised by taxation	\$ 24,803.41
Less poll taxes @ \$2	\$ 430.00
Less National bank stock taxes	10.00
	\$ 440.00
Amount to be raised by property taxes on which tax rate is to be figured	\$ 24,363.41
Tax rate	\$ 5.50

Taxes to be committed to collector:	
Property taxes	\$ 24,363.41
Poll taxes @ \$2	430.00
National bank stock tax	10.00
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Total taxes to be committed	\$ 24,803.41

**Comparative Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures**  
**Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1953**

	Appropriations Available	Expenditures	Unexpended Balance	Overdrawn Balance
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,096.47	\$ 103.53
Town Officers' Expenses	625.00	625.00	865.41	\$ 240.41
Election and Registration	125.00	125.00	48.11	76.89
Town Hall & other buildings exp.	250.00	250.00	302.25	52.25
Police Department	50.00	50.00	72.84	22.84
Fire Department	500.00	500.00	525.67	25.67
Blister Rust Control	400.00	400.00	399.25	.75
Health Dept. including Hospitals	50.00	50.00	56.98	6.98
Vital Statistics	15.00	15.00	none	15.00
Town Maint. (Duncan money)	3,504.95	3,504.95	4,000.00-1,989.67*	4,000.00-1,989.67*
Town Maint. (*added to approp.)	730.00	730.00	7,494.62	8,309.68
Street Lighting	759.14	759.14	759.14	748.28
Town Road Aid	150.00	150.00	150.00	14.28
Libraries	100.00	100.00	171.50	71.50
Town Poor	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,231.63	268.37
Old Age Assistance	150.00	150.00	108.00	42.00
Cemeteries	43.73	43.73	43.73	8.25
Advertising & Regional Assoc.	100.00	100.00	91.75	93.47
Social Security Retirement	175.00	175.00	268.47	
Interest on Temporary Loans	1,500.00	1,500.00	none	1,500.00
State Aid Constr. (Smith Bridge)	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	
New Equipment	1,780.50	1,780.50	1,780.50	
County Tax	12,793.57	12,793.57	12,793.57	
School Tax	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .
Unexpended balance	\$ 34,491.56	\$ 34,491.56	\$ 31,779.50	\$ 3,243.46
	. . .	. . .	. . .	\$ 2,712.06
				\$ 3,243.46
				\$ 3,243.46

**BALANCE SHEET****ASSETS:**

Cash on hand January 1, 1954	\$ 5,243.30
Due from bounties	99.75
Due from Grantham fire	17.18
Unredeemed taxes, levy of 1952	294.43
Unredeemed taxes, previous years	9.35
Uncollected taxes, levy of 1953	7,598.60
Uncollected head taxes for 1953	235.00
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	\$ 13,497.61

**LIABILITIES:**

Bill's outstanding	\$ 181.00
Baptist cemetery fence appropriation	175.00
Smith bridge appropriation	1,500.00
Dartmouth-Lake Sunapee Region Assoc.	43.73

**Due State:**

Due State a/c future yield tax loss	328.62
Head tax collected, not remitted	540.00
Head tax uncollected	235.00
Head tax penalties	3.50
Due County, Social Security	21.98
Due School district, bal. 1953 appropriation	8,793.57
Due Internal revenue	48.56
Due First Nat'l Bank of Bristol, note	3,000.00
	_____
	\$ 14,870.96

Net Debt Dec. 31, 1952	\$ 540.10
Net Debt Dec. 31, 1953	1,373.35

Increase of Debt	\$ 833.25
Increased debt was created by purchase of road grader cost \$4,000.00	

**SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY**

Town hall and equipment	\$ 2,000.00
Library, furniture and equipment	2,000.00
Tool house and land	200.00
Tractor house and land	500.00
Schools, land and buildings	6,000.00
Fire house and garage	2,000.00
Equipment, including snow fence	500.00
Truck snow plow	100.00
Ford truck 1948	700.00
Fire trucks and equipment	3,000.00
Land acquired by tax collector's deed	190.00
	—————
	\$ 17,190.00

**TOWN CLERK'S REPORT**

Received for licensing:	
15 female dogs @ \$5	\$ 75.00
83 male dogs @ \$2	166.00
	_____
	\$ 241.00
10 - 1952 auto permits	11.84
309 - 1953 auto permits	1,665.62
Filing fees	9.00
	_____
	\$ 1,927.46
Paid S. J. Ford, treasurer	1,926.76
	_____
Due town	\$ .70

RAYMOND E. GARDNER, Town Clerk.

Audited and approved:

RAY J. MARTIN,

ROY K. SARGENT,

Auditors

Jan. 13, 1954

## TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

## **State Head Tax — Levy of 1953**

### **DEBITS:**

State head taxes committed to collector	
Original warrant	\$ 1,355.00
Penalties collected	3.50
Total Debits	<hr/> \$ 1,358.50

## CREDITS:

### Remittances to treasurer:

Head taxes	\$ 1,120.00
Penalties	3.50
Total Remit.	<u>                </u> \$ 1,123.50

Uncollected head taxes, per collector's list	235.00
Total Credits	<hr/> \$ 1,358.50

DOROTHY M. HEATH,  
Tax Collector

Audited and approved:

RAY J. MARTIN,  
ROY K. SARGENT,  
Auditors Jan. 13, 1954

## **State Head Tax — Levy of 1952**

## DEBTS:

Uncollected taxes as of Jan. 1, 1953	\$ 215.00
Added taxes during 1953	15.00
Penalties collected during 1953	23.00
<b>Total debits</b>	<b>\$ 253.00</b>

## CREDITS:

Remittances to treasurer during 1953	
Head taxes	\$ 230.00
Penalties	23.00
Total credits	<u>                </u> \$ 253.00

DOROTHY M. HEATH,  
Tax Collector

Audited and approved:

RAY J. MARTIN,  
ROY K. SARGENT,  
Auditors Jan. 13, 1954

### SUMMARY OF WARRANT

#### Property, Poll and Yield Taxes — Levy of 1952

##### DEBITS:

Uncollected taxes, Jan. 1, 1953:

Property taxes	\$ 5,565.36
Poll taxes	98.00
Yield taxes	207.61
	———— \$ 5,870.97

Added taxes:

Property taxes	38.50
Poll taxes	14.00
Interest collected during 1953	163.87
Total debits	———— \$ 6,087.34

##### CREDITS:

Remittances to treasurer during 1953:

Property taxes	\$ 5,319.51
Poll taxes	92.00
Yield taxes	207.61
Land sold for taxes	273.35
Abatements	31.00
Interest	163.87
Total credits	———— \$ 6,087.34

DOROTHY M. HEATH,  
Tax Collector.

### SUMMARY OF WARRANT

#### Property, Poll and Yield Taxes — Levy of 1951

##### DEBITS:

Uncollected taxes, Jan. 1, 1953	\$ 29.66
Total debits	———— \$ 29.66

##### CREDITS:

Remittances to treasurer:

Abatements	\$ 29.66
Total credits	———— \$ 29.66

DOROTHY M. HEATH,  
Tax Collector.

### SUMMARY OF WARRANT

#### Property, Poll and Yield Taxes — Levy of 1953

##### DEBITS:

###### Taxes committed to collector:

Property taxes	\$ 24,363.42
Poll taxes	430.00
Nat'l bank stock taxes	10.00
Total warrant	<u>\$ 24,803.42</u>
Yield taxes	1,350.77

###### Added taxes:

Property taxes	444.57
Poll taxes	48.00
Interest collected	2.34
Total Debits	<u>\$ 26,649.10</u>

##### CREDITS:

###### Remittances to treasurer:

Property taxes	\$ 18,205.41
Poll taxes	360.00
Nat'l bank stock taxes	10.00
Yield taxes	225.25
Interest	2.34
Abatements	247.50

###### Uncollected taxes as per collector's list:

Property taxes	6,377.08
Poll taxes	96.00
Yield taxes	1,125.52
Total Credits	<u>\$ 26,649.10</u>

DOROTHY M. HEATH,  
Tax Collector

Audited and approved:

RAY J. MARTIN,  
ROY K. SARGENT,  
Auditors

Jan. 13, 1954

## SUMMARY OF TAX SALES ACCOUNTS

As of December 31, 1953

DEBITS:	Tax sales on account of levies of	1952	1951	Prev. Yrs.
Taxes sold current year		\$ 294.43		
Bal. unredeemed taxes, Jan. 1, 1953			\$ 140.58	\$ 338.66
Total Debits		\$ 294.43	\$ 140.58	\$ 338.66

CREDITS:

Redeemed during year		\$ 136.23	\$ 164.35
Abatements		4.35	17.02
Deeded to town			147.94
Unredeemed taxes, Dec. 31, 1953	\$ 294.43		9.35
Total Credits		\$ 294.43	\$ 140.58
			\$ 338.66

Unredeemed taxes from tax sales on account of levies of Fisher, Ella E.		\$ 9.35
Thomas, Edward J.	\$ 287.83	
Woodward, Wesley	6.60	
Total Unredeemed Taxes	\$ 294.43	\$ 9.35
Property deeded to Town:		

Evans, Benjamin S.	\$ 9.27	
Hibbard, Grace V.	10.94	
Coro, Angus	127.73	
Total Deeded to Town		\$ 147.94

DOROTHY M. HEATH,  
Tax Collector

Audited and approved:

RAY J. MARTIN,		
ROY K. SARGENT,		
Auditors		Jan. 13, 1954

## TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1953	\$ 1,295.32
Received from tax collector:	
1950 redemption	\$ 164.35
1950 abatements	82.03
(1950-\$17.02 1951-\$34.01 1952-\$31.00)	
1950 interest	26.24
1952 property taxes	5,592.86
1952 interest	163.87
1952 poll taxes	92.00
1952 yield tax	207.61
1952 head tax	230.00
1952 head tax penalty	23.00
1953 property taxes .	18,215.41
1953 interest	2.34
1953 poll taxes	360.00
1953 abatements	247.50
1953 yield tax	225.25
1953 head tax	1,120.00
1953 head tax penalty	3.50
	———— \$ 26,755.96
Received from town clerk:	
1952 auto permits	\$ 11.84
1953 auto permits	1,664.92
1953 dog tax	241.00
1953 filing fees	9.00
	———— \$ 1,926.76
Savings bank tax	172.86
Railroad tax	604.11
Clarence A. Fowler cemetery lot	15.00
Received from selectmen	26,085.81
Total Receipts for year 1953	\$ 56,855.82

Less selectmen orders paid	51,633.85
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1954	\$ 5,221.97

STEPHEN J. FORD, Treasurer.

Audited and approved:

RAY J. MARTIN,  
ROY K. SARGENT,

Auditors

Jan. 13, 1954

## **DETAILED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS**

### **Current Revenue:**

From Local Taxes: (col. & remit. to treas.)

1953 property taxes	\$ 18,205.41
1953 poll taxes, reg. @ \$2	360.00
1953 Nat'l bank stock taxes	10.00
1953 yield taxes	225.25
1953 head taxes @ \$5	1,120.00
Total cur. yr's taxes col. & remit.	————— \$ 19,920.66
Prop. & yield taxes, prev. yrs	5,800.47
Poll taxes, prev. yrs	92.00
Head taxes, prev. yrs	230.00
Interest	192.45
Penalties, head taxes	26.50
Tax sales redeemed	164.35

From State:

Town road aid	\$ 1,989.67
For Highways and Bridges:	
Duncan fund	3,504.95
Gas tax	2.40
Interest & dividend tax	635.71
Railroad tax	604.11
Savings bank tax	172.86
Fighting forest fires:	
Croyden-Mallams int.	\$17.18
Bounties	65.50
Reimb. a/c old age assist.	437.51

From County:

Support of poor, aid to soldiers	18.47
From Local Sources, Except Taxes:	
Dog licenses	241.00
Bus. licenses, permits, filing fees	16.50

Rent of town prop.	12.00
Sale of cemetery lot	15.00
1952 reg. permits	11.84
1953 reg. permits	1,664.92
	————— \$ 11,480.99

**Receipts other than Current Revenue:**

Temp. loans	\$ 17,000.00
Refunds:	
C.A.G.	.50
W. A. Batchelder	119.50
R. P. Johnson	2.80
	————— \$ 122.80
Refund, blisterrust	.75
Sale of caterpillar tractor	200.00
Abatements	329.53
Total receipts other than cur. rev.	————— \$ 17,653.08
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Total receipts, all sources	\$ 55,560.50
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1953	1,295.32
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Grand Total	\$ 56,855.82

## SUMMARY OF PAYMENTS

**For the Year Ended December 31, 1953**

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**Current Maintenance Expenses:**

**General Government:**

Town officers' salaries	\$ 1,096.47
Town officers' expenses	865.41
Election & registration expenses	48.11
Exp. town hall & other bldgs.	302.25

**Protection of Persons and Property:**

Police department	72.84
Fire dept., incl. forest fires	2,636.15
Moth exterm., blister rust	400.00
Bounties	99.75

**Health:**

Town dump	56.98
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**Highways and Bridges:**

Town road aid	759.14
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**Town Maintenance:**

Summer	\$ 2,039.05
Winter	1,297.46
Flood	1,361.25
	4,697.76

Street lighting	748.28
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Gen. exp., highway dept.	3,611.92
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**Libraries:** 150.00

**Public Welfare:**

Old age assistance	2,231.63
Town poor	171.50
County poor	33.59

**Public Service Enterprises:**

Cemeteries	108.00
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**Unclassified:**

Damages and legal expenses	14.65
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Total Payment (carried forward)	\$ 18,104.43
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**PAYMENTS—(Continued)**

Total payments brought forward	\$ 18,104.43
Unclassified: (continued)	
Taxes bought by town	\$ 287.83
Discounts, abatements, refunds	329.53
Refund to state a/c yield taxes	243.23
Retirement & social security	91.75
Total Cur. Maint. Expenses	_____ \$ 952.34
Interest:	
Paid on long term notes	\$ 268.47
Outlay for New Construction:	
New highway equipment	\$ 4,000.00
Indebtedness:	
Paym'ts on temp loans	14,000.00
Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:	
State head taxes paid to	
State treas., 1953	\$ 522.00
Prior yrs.	1,043.69
	_____ \$ 1,565.69
Taxes paid to county	1,780.50
Paym'ts to sch dist.:	
1952 tax	\$ 6,962.42
1953 tax	4,000.00
	_____ \$ 10,962.42
Total Paym'ts to Other Gov. Div	_____ \$ 14,308.61
Total paym'ts for all purposes	
Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1953	\$ 51,633.85
	5,221.97
Grand Total	_____ \$ 56,855.82

## DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

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Town Officers' Salaries:

Roy K. Sargent	\$ 12.00
Ray J. Martin	12.00
Dorothy M. Heath (\$150 1952 salary)	350.00
C. C. Morrison	114.00
Francis O. Sheldon	6.00
Clinton F. Huntoon	135.93
Harry O. Swett	263.96
Fred G. Hopper	73.87
Raymond E. Gardner	50.00
Stephen J. Ford	78.71
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	\$ 1,096.47

Town Officers' Expenses:

Brown & Saltmarsh	\$ 43.39
Assoc. of Assessors of N.H.	3.00
Roy K. Sargent	4.33
Wheeler & Clark	12.47
Dean L. Garrison auto guide	14.00
Enterprise Press	244.90
Fied G. Hopper, mileage, tel. supplies	92.92
R. H. Weller	7.00
John C. Ray, insurance	57.00
Ida A. Horner, secty., tax coll. assoc.	3.00
Sargent Bros., printers	18.70
Charles R. Hardy	2.00
Dorothy M. Heath, fees, etc.	84.66
Raymond E. Gardner, fees, etc.	187.50
Clinton F. Huntoon, mileage, etc.	7.00
Harry O. Swett, mileage, tel.	47.72
First Nat'l Bank, charges	5.61
C. C. Morrison	4.26
Eugene Allen	14.00
Public Service Co.	11.95
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	\$ 865.41

## Election &amp; Registration:

Harriet Ford	\$ 6.00
L. E. Ford	13.00
Brown & Saltmarsh	6.21
Myrtie Ford	6.00
S. J. Ford	6.00
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	\$ 48.11

## Town Hall &amp; Other Town Buildings:

O. C. Hastings & Co.	\$ 42.54
Arthur W. Jewett	89.78
Public Service Co. of N. H.	32.18
R. P. Johnson & Son, supplies	99.75
Clarence A. Fowler	2.00
Maxwell Gordon (wood for town)	36.00
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	\$ 302.25

## Volunteer Fire Department:

Appropriation for 1953	\$ 500.00
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## Forest Fire:

Forest fire exp. to C. C. Morrison	\$ 25.67
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## Street Lights:

Public Service of N. H.	\$ 748.28
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## Blister Rust Control:

Treasurer of State of N. H.	\$ 399.25
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## Bounties:

Fred G. Hopper, 21 hedgehogs	\$ 9.75
Harry O. Swett, 66 hedgehogs	33.00
Clinton F. Huntoon, 114 hedgehogs	57.00
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	\$ 99.75

## Vital Statistics:

Raymond E. Gardner	\$ 9.50
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## Health Department:

Care of town dump	\$ 56.98
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## Town Road Aid:

State Highway Dept.	\$ 759.14
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Library:		
Harriet G. Morrison		\$ 150.00
Old Age Assistance:		
State of N. H. Dept. of Public Welfare		\$ 2,231.63
Dartmouth-Lake Sunapee Assoc.		\$ 43.73
Town Poor:		
Georgie Ford, care of Arlene McDonald		\$ 52.00
Police Department:		
Lawrence Curren, salary & expenses		\$ 72.84
County Poor:		
Jacob Williams family		\$ 33.95
Cemeteries:		
Clarence A. Fowler		\$ 108.00
Interest on Temporary Loans:		
First National Bank, Bristol		\$ 268.47
Temporary Loans:		
First National Bank, Bristol		\$ 14,000.00
County Tax:		
County Treasurer		\$ 1,780.50
School District:		
Arlene L. Chellis:		
Bal. 1952 part 1953 approp.	\$ 4,000.00	
Bal. 1952 part 1953 approp.	2,962.42	
Part 1953 appropriation	4,000.00	
Total		\$ 10,962.42

## ROAD AGENT'S REPORT

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Received from selectmen from Jan. 1, 1953  
to Mar. 10, 1953 for snow removal, sanding,  
and truck, truck plow and tractor expense      \$ 751.26

### Snow Removal

Donald Wiggin, tractor plow	\$ 50.00
Lin Sargent, tractor plow	50.00
Roy B. Ford, truck plow	147.00
Lawrence Stevens, truck plow	66.00
Frank Stevens, truck plow	65.00
Robert Ford, truck plow	7.00
Myrl Phelps, jeep plow	12.50
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	\$ 397.50

Tractor, truck, truck plow & wing expenses:

Reginald Glines, tractor	\$ 7.00
Donald Wiggin, tractor	5.00
Lin Sargent, tractor	5.00
Frank Stevens, truck plow	7.00
Lawrence Stevens, truck	5.00
Roy B. Ford, truck parts	29.76
Truck	13.00
Truck plow	24.00
Truck plow wing	13.00
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	\$ 108.76

### Sanding

Roy B. Ford	\$ 67.50
Lawrence Stevens	37.35
Frank Stevens	33.75
Lewis Littlefield	15.30
Joe Smart	5.40
Robert Ford	7.20
Ray J. Martin, truck	56.65
Carrie Shaw, for sand, 1951-'52	16.00
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	\$ 239.15

Frazier Bridge

Roy B. Ford	\$ 1.50
Frank Stevens	1.35
Lawrence Stevens	1.35
Ray J. Martin, truck	1.65
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	\$ 5.85

### Flood Damage

Myrl Phelps	\$ 75.25
Gifford Wiggin	352.50
Lewis Littlefield	189.90
Clark Gray	274.05
Reginald Wiggin	318.60
Clinton Bliss	46.60
John Cook	14.95
Eric Fay	33.90
Eugene Cook	32.55
Maxwell Gordon	1.80
Maurice Wells	2.25
Donald Wiggin	4.50
Leonard Sargent	3.60
Willard Huntoon	3.60
William Parks	7.20
Total	----- \$ 1,361.25

Truck hours 281

### Gravel:

Lawrence Huntoon	\$ 8.40
Florence Bean	6.00
Helen Hatch	11.40

**Summer Maintenance**

Gifford Wiggin	\$ 728.00
Reginald Wiggin	202.95
Clark Gray	656.10
William Cook	13.05
L. E. Ford	79.20
Fred Littlefield	5.00
Robert Ford	67.50
Alfred Lachance	267.30
Leonard Sargent	19.95
Total	----- \$ 2,039.05
Grader hours	348
Truck hours	253½
Gravel: Raymond Martin	\$8.80

**Winter Maintenance**

Gifford Wiggin	\$ 185.40
Clark Gray	117.80
John Twomey	76.80
Clarence Fowler	28.80
Reginald Wiggin	66.40
Donald Wiggin	7.50
Leonard Sargent	38.50
Myrl Phelps	25.00
Total	----- \$ 546.20
Truck hours	52
Gravel: Helen Hatch	\$ 3.00
Flood Control	\$ 1,361.25
Summer Maintenance	2,039.05
Winter Maintenance	546.20
Total	----- \$ 3,946.50

GIFFORD N. WIGGIN,  
Road Agent

Report of the Trust Funds of the Town of Danbury, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1953

This is to certify that the information contained in this report is complete and correct, to the best of our knowledge and belief.

ARTHUR W. JEWETT,  
CLARENCE E. FORD,  
Trustees

Audited and Approved:  
RAY J. MARTIN,  
ROY K. SARGENT,  
Auditors of Danbury.  
January 13, 1954

## GEORGE GAMBLE LIBRARY

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**Report of the Library Trustees for the year ending**

**December 31, 1953**

**Receipts:**

Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1953	\$ 9.52
Amount reserved for orders placed	45.00
Town Treasurer, 1953 appro.	150.00
	\$ 204.52

**Payments:**

Almeda Wiggin, librarian	\$ 43.00
Leon Perkins, care of lawn	4.75
Merrill Wentworth, care of lawn	1.25
Cash paid for shoveling snow	1.25
Ester Phelps, cleaning library	10.00
Public Service Co., lights	10.93
C. C. Morrison, repairs	15.00
Arthur W. Jewett, shelves	39.34
Hunt's Dept. Store, books	21.74
Lebanon Book Shop, books	2.80
H. M. Hastings, books	10.00
Gifford M. Wiggin, wood	11.00
Postage	.67
Reserved for books ordered	20.00
	\$ 191.73
Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1953	\$ 12.79

Patrons—51

Circulation—523

The cost of the material for the new shelves was more than anticipated, Mr. Jewett charged very little for

work he did. During the summer Mrs. Harriet Ford and Mrs. Almeda Wiggin worked many hours rearranging and classifying the books, without pay. We think they should be commended for this.

Mrs. Sarah Still and the New London Library donated books to our Library for which we are very thankful.

As our expenses will be the same next year we recommend the amount of \$150.00 be raised at the next March meeting.

HARRIET G. MORRISON,  
RUTH E. PHELPS,  
GLADYS TWOMEY,

Trustees

**REPORT OF MUNICIPAL COURT, DANBURY**

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**Jan. 1, 1953 to Dec. 31, 1953****Francis O. Sheldon, Judge**

Total fines imposed	\$ 390.00
Paid:	
Moter Vehicle Dept.	\$ 207.00
Fish & Game Dept.	4.50
Postage, Etc.	2.87
Dues, Judges Assoc.	5.00
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	\$ 219.37
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Salary	\$ 170.63
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150.00	
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Paid Town	\$ 20.63

Audited and approved:

RAY J. MARTIN,  
ROY K. SARGENT,  
Auditors

Jan. 13, 1954

**DANBURY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**  
**Treasurer's Report for Year Ending Dec. 31, 1953**

**RECEIPTS:**

Balance Jan. 1, 1953	\$ 612.43
Donation drawings	383.00
Bristol Savings Bank, interest	9.00
Donated by Mr. Mallams	10.00
Donated by Mr. Andrew Brown	10.00
Donated by Parent-Teachers Assoc.	10.00
Town, Danbury Fire Service	5.00
Total Receipts	———— \$ 1,039.43

**EXPENSES:**

R. E. Gardner, supplies	\$ 10.65
C. A. Carr, fuel oil	97.37
Newfound Print Shop, tickets	28.00
Sanel Auto Parts, truck parts	6.46
Cushing Elect. Co., coffee urn	26.95
John Ray, truck ins.	92.00
Group insurance	157.50
O. C. Hastings, gas, oil	13.95
Supplies	12.10
Sears, Roebuck & Co., 4 tires, tubes	172.00
Sudbury Lab., tank solution	12.50
Purchased, Chief Ford, 2 batteries	22.18
2 gallons anti-freeze	6.00
Slim Baker Fund, memorial	25.00
Eastern Fire Equip. Co., 2 exting.	90.82
Total Expenses	———— \$ 783.46

Balance	\$ 255.97
<b>DONATIONS:</b>	<b>Value</b>
Community Garage	\$ 20.40
Danbury Garage, Walter Russell	2.50
Valued Amount Total	———— \$ 22.90

**Treasurer's Certificate**

I certify that this is a true and correct report of the treasurer's records for year ending Dec. 31, 1953.

FRANK CLEWS, Treasurer.

### Cost of Maintaining Fire Department Year 1953

Chas. A. Carr Co., oil (heating)	\$ 97.37
Sanel Auto Parts Co., supplies	6.46
John Ray, truck insurance	92.00
John Ray, group insurance	157.50
O. C. Hastings & Co., supplies	13.95
Sears Roebuck, tires, tubes	172.00
Sudbury Laboratories, truck solution	12.50
Sanel Auto Parts Co., battery	22.18
Anti-freeze	6.00
Eastern Fire Equip., two extinguisers	90.82
Community Grange, (donation)	20.40
Walter Russell, (donation)	2.50
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Total expenses of operating Dept.	\$ 695.68
The total fires answered eleven (11) 1953	

### FOREST FIRE WARDEN'S REPORT

I am glad to report during the past year we have been very fortunate in our Forest Fire expenses. During the critical period when there were large fires around us, and having as many as 22 men out of town fighting fire at one time, we were very lucky not to have any fires of our own at that time.

We had three fires the past year. Two were caused by a B.&M.R.R. Diesel engine, one at Ford's crossing, was put out by your fire Chief Ford at no expense. The other in Willard Huntoon's pasture at a cost of \$21.50 to be paid by the Boston & Maine Railroad.

Our only fire cost to the town, was the Mallam fire. Caused by a high wind, blowing a high tension wire against a large elm tree causing a short circuit igniting the bark which blew into the grass setting it a fire.

At our out of town fire in the Croyden-Grantham area we furnished over 2000 man hours labor which was paid for by the town, but later reimbursed by the State.

The Mallam fire expense \$18.83 of which one half was paid by the State is the only fire cost for the Town since 1950. I think this is a good record, and the townspeople should be proud of the record.

Financial Report:

Expense of warden, deputies attending warden's meeting May 11	\$ 7.00
Mallam fire April 23	18.83
Grantham-Croyden (out of town)	2,061.95
Ford's Crossing, B.&M.R.R., Aug., no expense	
Huntoon Fire, B.&M.R.R., Oct. 10	21.50
Warden's expense, posting signs, inspecting incinerators, mileage, telephone	12.75
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	\$ 2,122.03
Amout due town on reimbursements	2,096.36
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Total cost of town	\$ 25.67

Try to keep this record good by remembering—

1. That for permission to burn or have an open fire you must obtain a permit from your local Warden, when the ground is not covered with snow.
2. To be careful when smoking in or near woodland, be careful with cigarettes, matches, and pipe tobacco.
3. To notify your local Warden promptly, when a fire is detected, and aid him in extinguishing it.
4. To be sure you have your incinerator inspected and you have a permit before you use it.

If you do this I know you will do your part to keep our losses and expenses to a minimum.

CHARLES C. MORRISON,  
Forest Fire Warden

## SCHOOL DISTRICT OF DANBURY

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### SCHOOL DIRECTORY

#### District Officers

Earl W. Lund	Moderator
Dorothy Heath	Clerk
Arlene Chellis	Treasurer
Ray J. Martin	Auditor

#### School Board

Edna Powers	Term expires 1954
Roy K. Sargent	Term expires 1955
David Armstrong	Term expires 1956

#### Teachers

Mrs. Gladys Twomey	Elmwood
Mrs. Annie Thompson	South
Miss Gladys Cooper	Center

#### Attendance Officer

Roy K. Sargent

#### Superintendent of Schools

C. Maurice Gray

#### School Nurse

Ellen F. Williams, R. N.

### SCHOOL CALENDAR, 1954-55

Open Sept. 8 (Wed.)	Close Dec. 22 (Wed.)
Open Jan. 3	Close Feb. 18
Open Feb. 28	Close April 22
Open May 2	Close June 14 (Tues.)
Days out: Nov. 25, 26; May 30.	Close 12:30 Nov. 24, Dec. 22.

Total number of days required by State Board is 180 including three for institutes and conventions, and up to five for workshops.

Pupils must enter the first grade if six by Sept. 30 and may enter if six before January 1.

Vaccination is required by state law unless child has written excuse from doctor.

**ANNUAL REPORT OF  
School Treasurer and School Board  
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1953  
Treasurer's Report**

**Summary:**

Cash on hand July 1, 1952	\$ 812.58
Rec. from selectmen, cur. appro.	\$ 14,462.42
Rec. from state treas., state aid	3,759.15
Received from trust funds	48.00
Received from all other sources	25.51
Total receipts	<hr/> \$ 18,295.08
 Total amount available for fiscal year	\$ 19,107.66
Less school board orders paid	<hr/> 19,097.25
 Balance on hand June 30, 1953	\$ 10.41

**ARLENE CHELLIS, Treasurer**

**Auditor's Certificate**

This is to certify that I have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of Danbury of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1953 and find them correct in all respects.

**RAY J. MARTIN, Auditor**

**School Board's Report**

**Receipts:**

From selectmen, appropriation	\$ 14,462.42
From state treas., state aid	3,759.15
From trust funds	48.00
From all other sources	25.51
Total receipts	<hr/> \$ 18,295.08
Balance on hand June 30, 1952	812.58
 Grand Total	<hr/> \$ 19,107.66

### Detailed Statement of Payments

**Salaries of District Officers:**

Edna Powers, school board	\$ 50.00
Roy K. Sargent, school board	50.00
Beulah Ford, school board	50.00
Arlene Chellis, treasurer	25.00
	\$ 175.00

**Superintendent's salary:**

Supervisory Union No. 4	\$ 337.13
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**Truant officer & census:**

Roy K. Sargent	\$ 15.00
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**Expenses of administration:**

Supervisory Union No. 4, exp.	\$ 164.71
Enterprise Press, programs	7.50
Brown & Saltmarsh Inc., supplies	1.38
First Nat'l Bank, service charge	1.81
Edna Powers, expenses	5.73
Roy K. Sargent, expenses	3.79
Beulah Ford, expenses	1.04
Ray J. Martin, auditor	5.00
N.H. Sch. Bd. Assoc., dues	3.00
Arlene Chellis, expenses	7.80
	\$ 201.76

**Teachers' salaries:**

Gladys Twomey	\$ 1,659.80
Gladys Cooper	1,702.60
Huldah Currier	1,444.20
N.H. Teachers Ret. Sys	476.10
Director of Internal Revenue	817.30
	\$ 6,100.00

**Textbooks:**

Martin & Murray Co. Inc.	\$ 14.35
Scott, Foresman & Co.	6.82
L.W. Singer Co. Inc.	25.18
American Book Co.	4.69
Ginn & Co.	6.37
Charles Scribner's Sons	10.51
Houghton Mifflin Co.	52.38

Allyn & Bacon, Inc.	4.34
Iroquois Publishing Co.	1.14
Beckley-Cardy Co.	12.41
John C. Winston Co. Inc.	4.33
Row, Peterson & Co.	52.52
Webster Publishing Co.	20.24
American Education Press	9.50
Educators Progress Service	10.85
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	\$ 235.63

## Scholars' supplies:

J. L. Hammett Co.	\$ 104.70
Henry S. Wolkins Co.	42.02
Milton Bradley Co.	90.28
Webster Publishing Co.	1.29
American Book Co.	1.01
American Education Publications	17.60
Supervisory Union No. 4	7.69
Bristol School District	6.16
Row, Peterson & Co.	38.23
	—————
	\$ 308.98

## Other expenses of instruction:

J. L. Hammett Co.	\$ 2.54
Supervisory Union No. 4, tests	1.75
	—————
	\$ 4.29

## Janitor Service:

Gertrude Smart	\$ 50.00
Ruth Phelps	50.00
Jessie Wolfenden	50.00
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	\$ 150.00

## Fuel:

Charles A. Carr Co.	\$ 341.70
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## Water, light &amp; janitor supplies:

Public Service Co. of N.H.	\$ 88.58
Com. Gar., Danbury, rep. lights	2.00
C. P. Stevens, water cans	14.40
L. M. Smith, broom	1.79
Roy K. Sargent, express	2.76

West Disinfecting Co., supplies	24.30
Ester Phelps, cleaning Elmwood	8.00
Gertrude Smart, cleaning Center	10.00
Mary Smith, cleaning South	8.00
James Fifield, cleaning toilets	15.00
Andrews Paper Co., supplies	13.48
Masury Young Co., supplies	24.37
H. M. Hastings, supplies	33.53
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	\$ 246.21
Minor Repairs & expenses:	
Roy K. Sargent	\$ 16.88
Medical inspection:	
Supervisory Union No. 4, nurse's salary	\$ 200.00
Transportation of pupils:	
Eric Fay	\$ 178.00
Eugene Cook	303.60
J. Frank DesRoches	3,597.59
Leonard Sargent	16.35
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	\$ 4,095.54
High School tuition:	
Andover School District	\$ 3,890.00
Lebanon School District	801.80
Bristol School District	1,287.38
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	\$ 5,979.18
Other special activities:	
Mrs. Leonard Wolfenden, room & board for dental hygenist	\$ 26.00
Per Capita Tax:	
Treas., State of New Hampshire	\$ 226.00
Insurance & other fixed charges:	
Arthur Jewett, insurance	\$ 41.67
Retirement:	
Supervisory Union No. 4, nurse & sup't retirement	\$ 28.62
N.H. Teachers Ret. system	367.66
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Total expenditures	\$ 396.28
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	\$ 19,097.25

### Certificate

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete and correct to the best of our knowledge and belief. The accounts are kept in accordance with Section 24 of Chapter 82 of the Revised Laws of New Hampshire 1942, and upon forms prescribed by the State Tax Commission.

EDNA F. POWERS,  
ROY K. SARGENT,  
DAVID ARMSTRONG,  
School Board.

### GENERAL STATISTICS

#### Enrollment by Grades

1952-53

Grade	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
All schools	8	10	12	10	12	6	15	4	77
Jan. 8, 1954									
Elmwood	5	7							12
South			9	11	9				29
Center						10	5	14	29
Totals	5	7	9	11	9	10	5	14	— 70

#### District Totals

1952-53	Av. Att	Av. Abs.	Av. Memb.	% Attend.
All school	72.5	4.1	76.6	94.6
1953-54 Jan. 8				
Elmwood	13.5	.3	13.8	97.8
South	26.5	.8	27.3	97.3
Center	29.1	.8	29.9	97.4
Totals	69.1	1.9	71.0	97.3

**Tuition Pupils 1953-54**

**Andover High School—Rate \$225**

Arthur Bouley	Grade 9
Edna Hill	10
Graham Hill	10
Andrew Phelps	10
Leora Sargent	10
Melvin Heath	11
Daniel Walker	11
Francis Heath	12
Kenneth Heath	12
Gordon Ordway	12
Betty Phelps	12
Virginia Phelps	12

**Bristol High School—Rate \$275**

Joan Tibbets	Grade 9
Roy Chellis	9
Bruce Armstrong	9
Dorothy Perkins	11
Virginia Ford	12
Robert Jewell	12
John Root	12

**Lebanon High School—Rate \$260**

Marion Ford	Grade 10
Merle Ford	11

**Hopkinton High School—Rate \$225**

Bernice Clark	Grade 9
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## COMPARATIVE BUDGETS

	Budget 1953-45	Est. Exp. 1953-54	Est. Bdgt 1954-55
Salaries of district officers	\$ 195.00	\$ 195.00	\$ 195.00
Supt. salary	360.04	360.04	281.78
Tax for state wide supervision	224.00	224.00	226.00
Salaries of admin. personnel	133.35	133.35	135.10
Supplies and expenses	75.00	75.00	235.00
Teachers' salaries	6,100.00	6,400.00	6,700.00
Books and other aids	200.00	250.00	250.00
Scholars' supplies	200.00	250.00	250.00
Supplies and other expenses	50.00	50.00	50.00
Janitors' salaries	150.00	150.00	150.00
Fuel	375.00	375.00	375.00
Water, light & janitors' supplies	125.00	150.00	150.00
Repairs & replacements	200.00	475.00	200.00
Health supervision	205.00	205.00	127.04
Transportation of pupils	3,860.00	4,106.00	4,106.00
High school tuition	6,750.00	5,700.00	7,500.00
Special activities & spec. funds		25.00	
Retirement	400.00	479.00	500.00
Insurance, treas. bonds & exp.	45.00	45.00	41.67
Contingency fund			200.00
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	\$ 19,647.39	\$ 19,647.39	\$ 21,672.59

## SCHOOL BOARD'S ESTIMATE

**1954 - 1955**

State Aid	\$ 5,691.14
Trust Funds	48.00
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Total Other Than Property Taxes	\$ 5,739.14
DISTRICT ASSESSMENT	15,933.45
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TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$ 21,672.59

SUPERVISORY UNION No. 4 BUDGET 1952-53

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Several significant changes in educational law were made by the last legislature. The amount of state aid was increased from \$600,000 to \$900,000 with the result that Danbury's increased from \$3,759 to \$6,795 and Canaan's from \$6,958 to \$12,390. The two variables besides the total amount available which affect the amount received are the number of resident pupils in attendance and the adjusted valuations as set by the Tax Commission. A decrease in pupils and a boost in adjusted valuations ruins a district's chances of receiving aid. On this basis Bristol is \$25,000 away. Grafton with a loss in pupils from around 85 to 46 likewise becomes ineligible. Once again we make a plea for state aid in sufficient amounts so that those now receiving it may get more, and so that all districts may obtain some. Aid should be large enough to reduce the local tax assessment where needed and at the same time improve the educational plants and offerings to our pupils. Several millions of dollars are necessary to do these two things. The writer believes that such monies will come only from new sources of revenue, such as a sales tax, and would like to see a tax pegged for state aid including definite amounts for buildings for those districts too poor to provide for themselves. We should not be totally dependent on taxes from tobacco, liquor, and the race track. The economic and social welfare of New Hampshire will be no better than the thinking of the products of its schools.

A new law now requires that all of the \$2.00 per capita tax be spent for supervision. Under this all unions receive \$2,500 from the state, ours gets \$2,750 and some unions more than this. Five assistant superintendents are permitted, and helping teachers may be employed where most needed until the total amount of money is spent. Two new unions may be established. This particular union has been under study as one which could well stand relief but there will be no change for

1954-55. Accordingly this will remain one of the two unions with nine districts sharing this doubtful honor with the Lisbon union. All others have less down to the point where the cities and larger towns may have a superintendent by themselves or a superintendent and an assistant. In our union many evening meetings are necessary and supervision is not as it could be. No job can justify the sacrifice of the physical and mental health of its holder. There are limits to the efficient use of time and energy; eventually neither exists for practical accomplishments. Obviously nine districts can not receive the benefit from anyone that 5, 6 or even 7 can.

Two new age requirements are passed. All pupils must attend school if 6 by September 30 and must remain in school in a district maintaining a high school until 16. These changes aggravate certain problems at both ends of the scale. An extension beyond the age of 16 may well be a reality someday. Programs of study will change to meet an enlargement of an old problem, how and what to teach the non-academic pupil. A question is also raised as to the moral obligation to transport pupils to high school if the law requires their attendance. It is not inconceivable that some legislature in the near future will require this transportation and probably will not supply the funds to do so.

**Subversive Teaching.** Increasingly important will be the three sided problem of Freedom to Teach versus communism versus communist smear tactics. This has been an issue nationally for some time but it is now filtering down to the local level. We must guard against hypocritical smear attacks against school people using the communist threat as a means to obtain other ulterior and insidious ends. By this we mean such things as charging a teacher with being a communist, or teaching communism, just because we do not like the teacher for any one of a hundred reasons. To do so is using the tactics of the communists themselves.

There is not much new either as to the aims or methods of the communists. In fact communist beliefs and practises have been well documented for nearly 100 years. If no one is allowed to study and to learn about these fiendist things it will be another hundred years before the average person knows much about them. The communists do not need that long to undermine America if it remains with its head in the sands. Teachers must be allowed to teach: 1) the facts, 2) how to find the facts. Any supercritical person can find passages in any book which can be distorted and warped: a distorted and warped persons can find millions of them! Our youngsters will keep as good a balance as we adults show; we can expect no more even though we may have hopes. Let's keep a sensible and sane balance about these things and remember the Bill of Rights, the struggle to obtain it and the basic reasons for its adoption.

Teachers' Salaries. The 1953 Maine Legislature passed a required salary schedule beginning with \$2,400 and ending at \$3,600 for those with the Master's degree. This is a rather remarkable piece of legislation for a conservative New England Legislature to pass. There was a time when Maine was a fertile hunting ground for N.H. superintendents searching for teachers! Of course Maine has a much more liberal state aid law and hence can withhold aid from any district not complying with this schedule. The following facts are taken from the School Executive. The average factory wage has increased more than 300% since 1939. National income is up 400% while teachers' salaries are up 220%. Teachers' salaries would have to be increased more than \$1,000 for the average teacher to show increases comparable to those of the factory worker. Except for local married teachers (some of whom commute) our schools would not be open. How many districts grant sick leave, leave for death in the family, accident and health insurance etc? These are some of the "fringe benefits" which help

to ease low salaries, and are provided by many industries.

As stated in last year's town report estimated high school tuition takes a big jump this year. For all practical purposes these are fixed charges since they must be paid according to law. On the other hand the increase in state aid over two years ago will more than make up for this, and if the present formula is maintained, 1955-56 should see another increase for Danbury. However, the next legislature has the key to this and there are rumors that both the formula and the amount of money available will be changed. We hope that both will be for the better!

Danbury is one of those towns needing building aid assistance. The present limit of borrowing capacity is a bit over \$35,000 which might be about half the amount needed for an adequate modern building.

Respectfully submitted,

C. MAURICE GRAY  
Superintendent of Schools

**BIRTHS REGISTERED FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1953**

Date and Place of Birth	Name of Child (if any)	Sex Cond.	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Name of Parents	Residence	Birthplace	Birthplace Mother
1953								
Mar. 16 Franklin	Joann Leslie F L	L	Lawrence W Curran	Audrey E Wells	Danbury	Maine	New Hampshire	New Hampshire
June 13 Franklin	Mark Anthony M L	M L	Edward B Phelps	Erma I Dickey	Danbury	New Hamp	New Hamp	New Hamp
Aug. 3 New London	Alan William M L	M L	Willard E Huntoon	Marjorie Currier	Danbury	Franklin	Danbury	Danbury
Aug. 19 Franklin	Clinton Alvin M L	M L	Linley A Ordway	Irene M Lowell	Danbury	New Hamp	New Hamp	New Hamp
Oct. 5 Franklin	Myrl Chandler Jr M L	M L	Myrl C Phelps	Jane V Reed	Danbury	New Hamp	Maine	Maine
Oct. 19 Franklin	Ruth Anna F L	F L	Wilmer L Brownell	Mary L Huntoon	Danbury	New Hamp	New Hamp	New Hamp
Dec. 26 New London	Linda Jane F L	F L	Clinton F Huntoon	Miriam Peckham	Danbury	Danbury	Danbury	Newport R I

**MARRIAGES REGISTERED FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1953**

Date and Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Residence Age Groom & Bride	Occupation of Each	Place of Birth of Each	Name of Parents	Name, Residence and Official Station of Person By Whom Married
1953 Feb. 1 Willard E Huntoon	Danbury 28 Farmer	Danbury 28 Farmer		Franklin William H Huntoon	Eva L Perkins Rev Frederic W Fitzpatrick	Baptist Minister Belmont
Belmont Marjorie E Currier	Danbury 26 Tel Oper	Danbury 26 Tel Oper		Danbury Ardene V Ordway	Frank H Currier	
Mar. 2 Percy S Walker Lexington Mass 43 Machinist	Lexington Mass 43 Machinist			Robert Walker		
Danbury Lillian M Messis Wellesley Mass 43 Hair Dress'r	Wellesley Mass 43 Hair Dress'r			Nova Scotia Isabella Clarkshank	Francis O Sheldon	Justice of the Peace Danbury
Apr. 28 Russell Giguere Andover Elsie R Cote	Bristol 21 US Air Force	Danbury 19 Trimmer		Edward H Butler		
July 20 Donald B Evans New London Barbara V Hill	Wilmet 18 Laborer	Danbury 19 Laborer		Lily F Kerivan	Edgar D Gignere	Rev Francis S Tucker
Sept. 19 Lewis W Barker Andover Jean L Stewart	Danbury 20 Hair Dresser	Danbury 19 Laborer		Laconia Agnes Stickney	Albert Cote	Ordained Minister Andover
Nov 21 Ernest Townsend Bristol Alice S Hodgdon	Danbury 22 Clerk Typist	Danbury 19 Laborer		Franklin Mary A Padoiu	Carl A Evans	Arlington E Wry
Dec. 30 Leon F Nadon Enfield June M Wentworth	Danbury 25 Truck Driver	Danbury 22 Clerk Typist		New London Dorothy M Crouse	Richard G Hill	Ordained Clergyman New London
	Bristol 23 IPC	Danbury 25 Truck Driver		New London Rachel E Woodward	John A Townsend	
	Corinth NY 19 US Army			Danbury William H Barker	William H Barker	W S Blankenship
	Danbury 16 Student			Danbury Elizabeth Monahan	Elizabeth Stewart	R C Priest
				Danbury Lillian G Ford	John A Townsend	New London
				Wells Maine Edna Ramsdell	Rev Ethel Lee Matthews	
				Bristol Adna Hill	Baptist Minister Bristol	
				Bristol Marjorie Sprague		
				Bristol Joseph A Nadon		
				Bristol Zanella Fortune		
				Merrill W Wentworth		
				Bristol Agnes M Paquin		

**DEATHS REGISTERED FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1953**

Date and Place of Death 1953	Name and Surname of the Deceased	Age Y M D	Place of Birth	Condition	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
Feb. 20 Danbury	Herbert C. Barker	68	Woburn Mass	Widowed	William H. Barker	Ada Willman
Mar. 1 Canaan	Frank W. Chase	92	New Hamp	Married	Hezekiah H. Chase	Mary A. Chadwick
Apr. 19 Franklin	Frank D. Andrews	87	Charlestown Mass	Mar	James Andrews	Mary Osgood
July 27 Concord	Alfred Giguere	78	Lowell Mass	Married	Philip Giguere	Maronsi Defosier
Aug. 31 Lebanon	Raymond C. Harrington	67	Newark NJ	Married	G. Fred Harrington	Annie Knight
Sept. 29 Danbury	Frances C. Hopper	72	6 22 Paterson NJ	Married	John F. Cahill	Margaret Loftus
Oct. 24 Franklin	Ruth A. Brownell	5	Franklin	Single	Wilmer L. Brownell	Mary L. Huntton

I hereby certify that the above returns are correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief  
 RAYMOND E. GARDNER, Town Clerk



